

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the paragraphs added after line 32 on page 2 in the previous Amendment, please amend same as follows:

In a third aspect the present invention consists in a method of forming a connector on the
5 end of a flexible conduit comprising the distinct and sequential steps of:

a) providing a flexible ~~breathing~~ respiratory conduit adapted for use with a medical
apparatus, the conduit having with an outer wall formed from a ~~thin~~ plastic film,

b) injection moulding a soft rubber with a low melting point onto said conduit
adjacent to the end of said conduit to form a cuff, ~~said rubber injected in such a manner that said~~
10 rubber ~~blends~~ blending with said conduit without adversely affecting the integrity of said conduit,
and

c) subsequently injection moulding a hot molten plastic over said cuff to form said
connector, said molten plastic blending with said cuff to seal said conduit relative to said
connector,

15 the hot molten plastic injected at a higher temperature than the melting point of said film
and said soft rubber, said cuff shielding said conduit from said hot molten plastic to prevent
damage to said conduit.

In a fourth aspect the present invention consists in a method of forming a connector on
the end of a ~~thin-walled~~ flexible conduit comprising the steps of:

20 a) providing a ~~thin-walled~~ ~~breathing~~ respiratory conduit adapted for use with a
medical apparatus,

b) moulding a low melting point soft rubber onto said conduit adjacent to the end of said conduit to form a cuff, and

c) subsequently injection moulding a hot molten plastic over said cuff to form said connector, said plastic injected at a temperature greater than the melting point of the cuff, said

5 cuff insulating the conduit and preventing contact between the conduit and the hot molten plastic.